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FLIGHT, CRITICISMS OF U.S. ON FANG LIZHI AND VOA, AND
TROOP MOVEMENTS AND HINDRANCES IN THE NIGHT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. THE SECOND CHARTER FLIGHT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS LIFTED OFF ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 8 CARRYING 65 AMERICANS TO TOKYO. MILITARY ACTIVITY, WHICH WAS QUIESCENT DURING THE DAYTIME, REVVED UP AT NIGHT WITH TROOP MOVEMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECKPOINTS

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AT STRATEGIC INTERSECTIONS. THERE WAS A BRIEF TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN OF CHINESE CALLERS WHO CRITICIZED THE "HOLDING OF FANG LIZHI HOSTAGE" AND VOA'S "INTERFERENCE" IN CHINESE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY.

EVACUATION OF AMCITS CONTINUES

3. THE FIRST EVACUATION CHARTER FLIGHT, A UNITED AIRLINES (UA) AIRCRAFT, ARRIVED SAFELY IN TOKYO/NARITA WITH ALMOST 300 EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMCITS ABOARD. THE SECOND CHARTER FLIGHT, ALSO A UA AIRCRAFT, LIFTED OFF FROM CAPITAL AIRPORT AT 2250 CARRYING 65 AMERICANS. THE BOEING 747 WAS ABOUT ONE FIFTH FULL. A THIRD CHARTER FLIGHT, BY CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, ARRIVED IN BEIJING AT APPROXIMATELY 1700. EMBASSY IS NOW WORKING WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR CONTINENTAL TO DEPART TONIGHT (6/9) AROUND 2100.

4. EMBASSY EFFORTS TO ASSIST AMCITS TAKES FORMS OTHER THAN SHUTTLE SERVICE AND ARRANGING FOR ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. A NUMBER OF AMCITS HAVE COME TO THE EMBASSY TO APPLY FOR U.S. VISAS -- USUALLY B-2 -- FOR THEIR CHINESE CITIZEN SPOUSES. CONOFFS HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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QUITE LIBERAL IN THEIR ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THESE SPOUSES UPON PRESENTATION OF ONLY THE MOST BASIC DOCUMENTATION. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME SPOUSES DO NOT HAVE CHINESE PASSPORTS AND, THUS, THERE IS NOTHING THE EMBASSY CAN DO TO HELP THESE PEOPLE. THERE WERE SEVERAL CASES OF CHINESE CITIZEN SPOUSES HAVING INCOMPLETE DEPARTURE DOCUMENTS FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT; IN THESE CASES, EMBOFFS SOUGHT TO ASSIST THESE INDIVIDUALS PASS THROUGH CHINESE CUSTOMS. IN TWO CASES, THIS PROVED INSUFFICIENT AND THE CHINESE CITIZENS WERE PREVENTED FROM BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT, EMBOFFS ASSISTED THE INDIVIDUALS. IN ONE CASE, THEY REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY TO ISSUE THE INDIVIDUAL A VISA FOR JAPAN; IN THE OTHER CASE, THEY TRANSPORTED THE COUPLE TO A HOTEL AND ARRANGED FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING.

5. THIS MORNING, MORE AMCITS WILL PROBABLY BE ARRIVING IN BEIJING. AT LEAST 42, AND PERHAPS AS MANY AS ONE HUNDRED AMERICANS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING FROM SHIJIAZHUANG AT 1300. EMBASSY WILL MEET AND ESCORT THEM TO THE AIRPORT.

THREATENING CALLS ON FANG LIZHI

6. AROUND MIDNIGHT, JUNE 8, ABOUT TEN CHINESE CALLED

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THE EMBASSY, WITH ALL USING VIRTUALLY THE SAME LANGUAGE IN CHINESE, THEY EXPRESSED ANGER AT U.S. INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY GRANTING FANG LIZHI REFUGE. FANG, THEY SAID, IS NO BETTER THAN A CRIMINAL; HE IS A "ROTTEN EGG," A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY WHO HAS SPOKEN AGAINST THE SOCIALIST ROAD AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY." SEVERAL

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CALLERS ALSO THREW IN VOA FOR GOOD MEASURE, STATING THAT VOA WAS DELIBERATELY "INSTIGATING PEOPLE." EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO ANSWERED THE CALLS THANKED THE CALLERS FOR EXPRESSING THEIR POINTS OF VIEW AND REITERATED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

BEIJING CITIZENS MOODY BUT WELCOME RETURN OF SOMETHING APPROACHING NORMALITY

7. BEIJING CITIZENS EARLY THIS EVENING SEEMED QUITE RELAXED AS THEY BIKEDED THE STREETS AND HUTONGS IN THE LARGEST NUMBERS SINCE JUNE 4. THEY EVINCE VERY MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT THE PLA; THEY ALTERNATELY KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM AND BEFRIEND PLA SOLDIERS. THIS EVENING, A LONG PARKED CARAVAN OF TRUCKS ON AIRPORT ROAD FILLED WITH SOLDIERS ATTRACTED A NONFRIENDLY BUT PEACEFUL CROWD OF OVER 200. OFTEN, HOWEVER, PEOPLE ARE CURIOUS, EVEN FRIENDLY, TOWARD THE SOLDIERS.

(NOTE: DURING A DRIVE THROUGH THE CITY, POLOFFS NOTICED ONLY A FEW BIG-CHARACTER SLOGANS. ONE READ "HANG LI PENG. STRUGGLE TO THE END." ANOTHER READ "STRIKE TOMORROW." END NOTE.)

8. FOOD SUPPLIES TODAY WERE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS SEVERAL DAYS. A JUNE 7 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE STATED THAT BEIJING RESIDENTS HAVE BEGUN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT FOOD SHORTAGES AND POLOFFS DID OBSERVE LINES OUTSIDE SOME GOVERNMENT STORES. THE FREE MARKETS HAD INCREASED SUPPLIES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. PRICES, HOWEVER, WERE OFTEN MORE THAN DOUBLE PRE-MARTIAL LAW PRICES. MOST CONSTRUCTION
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SITES IN THE CITY APPEARED TO BE AT A STANDSTILL.
MILITARY SITUATION AT NIGHT

9. THE MILITARY MAINTAINED A MORE DISCRETE PRESENCE IN BEIJING DURING THE DAY. BEIJING CITIZENS LEISURELY BIKE IN LARGE NUMBERS TODAY THROUGH QIANMEN AND EVEN AROUND THE BACK, OR WEST SIDE, OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. BUT AT NIGHTTIME, TROOP MOVEMENTS INTENSIFIED.

(A) A NUMBER OF MILITARY CHECKPOINTS WERE ESTABLISHED DURING THE EVENING BY PLA TROOPS. THIS EVENING, THE FOLLOWING CHECKPOINTS WERE TRAVESED BY EMBOFFS:

-- SHOUDU AIRPORT ROAD (ON THE DEDICATED AIRPORT ROAD ABOUT ONE MILE BEFORE THE TERMINAL), MAINTAINED BY PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE (PAP)
-- AIRPORT ROAD AT THIRD RING ROAD (BY PLA TROOPS, WHICH SPEND EACH DAY INSIDE THEIR TRUCKS UNDER NEARBY TREES);
-- THIRD RING ROAD AT AIRPORT ROAD (PLA);
-- THIRD RING ROAD NEAR AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION HALL (PLA)
-- DONGDAQIAO DAJIE AT CHAOYANGMENWAI DAJIE (PLA)
-- SECOND RING ROAD AT CHAOYANGMENNEI DAJIE (PLA/PAP).

THESE CHECKPOINTS CLOSELY INSPECT THE I.D.S OF VEHICLE OCCUPANTS AND SOMETIMES THE VEHICLE ITSELF. THE CHECKPOINT ON SECOND RING ROAD SERVES MORE AS A ROADBLOCK; IMPECCABLY-ID'D EMBOFFS WERE TURNED BACK AND PREVENTED FROM GOING INTO THE INNER CITY

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(B) COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REMAIN QUIET WITH MOST STUDENTS HAVING RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT PLA TROOPS HAVE YET OCCUPIED ANY OF THESE CAMPUSES, BUT THERE ARE TRUCKS WITH SOLDIERS PARKED OUTSIDE OF SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING BEIJING UNIVERSITY AND BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

(C) MILITARY ACTIVITY. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 9, A NUMBER OF MILITARY VEHICLES MOVED WESTWARD PAST THE DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPOUND AT JIANGUOMENWAI TOWARD TIANANMEN. AROUND 0100, SEVERAL

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LOUD SHOTS WERE FIRED BY A PASSING COLUMN OF 10-15 TANKS AND APCs, AND AT 0300, OVER FIFTY TRANSPORT TRUCKS PASSED THE JIANGUOMENWAI AREA. THERE WERE SOME GUNSHOTS WEST OF THE LIDO HOTEL AROUND MIDNIGHT, BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF GUNSHOTS BETWEEN THE LIDO AND THE AIRPORT.

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